

Appl. No. 10/519,566
Amdt. dated 01 / 24 / 2008
Reply to Office action of 09 / 25 / 2007

JAN 24 2008

Amendments to the Specification

Corrections of spelling

In paragraphs [0019] the word: "millimetre" is replaced by: "millimeter".

In paragraph [0046] the word: "centred" is replaced by: "centered".

In paragraphs [0031] and [0076] the word: "moulding" is replaced by:
"molding".

In paragraphs [0066], [0072], [0076], [0077], [0078] and [0080] the word:
"moulded" is replaced by: "molded".

Correction of grammar

In paragraph [0075] in the sentence: "The housings (L) each comprise walls (PL) which move apart from each other when a means of attachment is installed in this housings (L)." the word: "this" before "housings" is replaced by: "these".

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] These movements and displacements which these two minimum required equipped ends can make with respect to each other starting from their inert position once the means of attachment or complement according to this invention is installed are visible to the naked eye and do not occur only at a microscopic level; they may nevertheless be of a distance smaller than, equal to or greater than one ~~millimetre~~ millimeter.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] These housings may accommodate the means of attachment for which they are designed in whole or in part at the time of the manufacturing of the means of attachment or complement according to this invention, for example in insertion during ~~moulding~~ molding, and may not comprise any opening on the outside other than that offered by the hole communicating with this housing.

Appl. No. 10/519,566
Amdt. dated 01 / 24 / 2008
Reply to Office action of 09 / 25 / 2007

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] This hook may comprise one or more ~~centred~~ centered or eccentric "tightening" bosses.

Please replace paragraph [0066] with the following amended paragraph:

[0066] A more sophisticated mode of production uses a flexible material, which may be elastic and resilient, such as, to give a non-limitative example, ~~moulded~~ molded polyurethane of Shore hardness 70.

Please replace paragraph [0072] with the following amended paragraph:

[0072] FIG. 1 shows the means of attachment according to this invention made of a flexible material such as ~~moulded~~ molded polyurethane of Shore hardness 70, for example, comprising a flexible part (PS) between its ends (EX). Two of its ends (EX) each comprise a hole (O).

Please replace paragraph [0075] with the following amended paragraph:

[0075] FIG. 3 shows in a profile view the means of attachment according to this invention made of a flexible material which may be PU 70. It comprises a flexible part (PS) between its ends (EX). The ends (EX) are equipped with a housing (L) and/or a hole (O). The housings (L) each comprise walls (PL) which move apart from each other when a means of attachment is installed in ~~this~~ these housings (L). For this purpose, the dimensions of these housings (L) are smaller than those of the means of attachment intended to be installed in them. An internal passage (PI) passes through the flexible part (PS). The holes (O), the housings (L) and the internal passage (PI) are in communication. The holes (O) are oriented either at an angle or in parallel to each other, and the two housings (L) are oriented at an angle to each other.

Appl. No. 10/519,566
Amdt. dated 01 / 24 / 2008
Reply to Office action of 09 / 25 / 2007

Please replace paragraph [0076] with the following amended paragraph:

[0076] FIG. 4 shows in a transparent view the means of attachment according to this invention made ~~moulded~~ molded in a flexible material, which may be polyurethane, in which are inserted during ~~moulding~~ molding two threads which may be made of metal, one internal (FI) and the other external (FE). Each of the two threads (FI, FE) is located at an end (EX), and the flexible part (PS) is located between the ends (EX). Two holes (O) are oriented in parallel with each other and each placed at one end (EX). An internal passage (PI) passes through the flexible part (PS). The walls (PP) of the internal passage (PI), which are also made of flexible material, move apart from each other on insertion of a tool of dimensions greater than those of the internal passage (PI). The holes (O), the housing (L) and the internal passage (PI) are in communication.

Please replace paragraph [0077] with the following amended paragraph:

[0077] FIG. 5 shows in a transparent view the means of attachment according to this invention which may be made in one piece in a flexible material such as ~~moulded~~ molded polyurethane. It comprises a flexible part (PS) located between its ends (EX). Four of its ends (EX) each have a hole (O), and three of its ends (EX) each have a housing (L). Two internal passages (PI) pass through the flexible part (PS). The holes (O), the housings (L) and the internal passages (PI) are in communication. The holes (O) and the housings (L) are oriented in some cases at an angle and in other cases in parallel to each other.

Appl. No. 10/519,566
Amdt. dated 01 / 24 / 2008
Reply to Office action of 09 / 25 / 2007

Please replace paragraph [0078] with the following amended paragraph:

[0078] FIG. 6 shows in a profile view a version which may be ~~moulded~~ molded in one piece, for example in polyurethane, comprising two equipped ends (EX) linked to each other by a flexible part (PS). Its two equipped ends (EX) comprise in one case a housing (L) and a hole (O) and in the case of the second equipped end (EX) a retention protuberance (PR), a retention notch (ER) and a hole (O). An internal passage (PI) passes through the flexible part (PS). The holes (O), the housing (L) and the internal passage (PI) are in communication.

Please replace paragraph [0080] with the following amended paragraph:

[0080] FIG. 8 shows in a profile view a version which may be made ~~moulded~~ molded in polyurethane, while the hook (C) and the retaining bar (B) may be made of another material and inserted at the time of manufacture. This version comprises on one of its minimum required equipped ends (EX) a hook (C) equipped with two tightening bosses (BS), and on its second equipped end (EX) a retaining bar (B) and two tightening bosses (BS); in this version the hook (C) may pass through an attachment hole, in a board for example, and be positioned by means of its two tightening bosses (BS) on the surface surrounding this attachment hole; this hook (C) may or may not at the same time surround the retaining bar (B) of a separate means of attachment or of a separate specimen of this invention. This retaining bar (B) may be surrounded by a tightening boss or bosses (BS) which may be positioned on the hook (C) of a separate means of attachment or of a separate specimen of this invention or on the surface surrounding an attachment hole, for example in a board.